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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9-12, without prejudice.

REMARKS

The November 5, 2002 Office Action was based upon pending Claims 9-19. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel Claims 9-12. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims at a later time. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 13-19 are pending and presented for consideration and allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance; (b) does not raise new issues requiring a further search or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal (if necessary). Accordingly, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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